

deep-water navigation, having a channel nine feet in depth. What effect does this have on the town commercially?

It has numerous lumber plants with an annual capacity of about 75,000,000 feet. The handling and shipping of vegetables, fish, and oysters are important industries.

Tarboro is the county seat of Edgecombe. This county has always been noted for the production of cotton. *Tarboro* is, therefore, naturally important as a cotton market.

Peanuts, tobacco, and vegetables are raised in sufficient quantities to make their marketing important commercially. On what river is it situated? Has it railway connection with other parts of the state? Consult the map.

Beaufort is a small seaport town situated on a large bay, facing the Atlantic Ocean. Locate it on the map. It is one of the oldest towns of North Carolina, having been chartered in 1742. Food fish of every variety are taken from the waters around *Beaufort*. The preparation and shipping of these and the canning of oysters give employment to a large number of people.

Morehead City, located across the sound from *Beaufort*, and the other towns on the sounds of eastern North Carolina are also principally engaged in the fish and oyster industry.

In addition to the cities and towns mentioned, the following are important towns of the Coastal Plain Section: *Roanoke Rapids*, *Weldon*, *Hertford*, *Smithfield*, *Plymouth*, *Dunn*, *Laurinburg*, *Scotland Neck*. Refer to the map and locate each.

Cities and Towns of the Piedmont Plateau.—*Charlotte*, the county seat of Mecklenburg, and the largest city in the Piedmont Section of the state, is one of the chief centers